



Region 3 Headquarters

Bozeman, Montana

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May 23, 2019

To whom it may concern,

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared to remove non-native trout from 11 miles of Ramshorn Creek, a tributary to the Ruby River, to secure and expand its unaltered Westslope Cutthroat trout population. Non-native brook and Rainbow x Cutthroat hybrid trout are present in Ramshorn Creek along with genetically pure Westslope Cutthroat Trout. The proposed action is to use rotenone to remove non-native trout. One public comment requesting additional information was received during a 30-day comment period ending 6 May 2019.

Based on the Environmental Assessment and need to conserve Westslope Cutthroat Trout, it is my decision to proceed with the Ramshorn Creek Westslope Cutthroat Trout conservation project.

I find there to be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Sincerely,

Mark Deleray  
R3 Supervisor